CHAPTER 45:
SEEING IT BIGGER AND BIGGER

I WAS PUNCHED IN THE FACE LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL...
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THAT CAN TAKE THE OPBF ACCORDING TO THE JAPANESE CHAMPION...
SO THESE ARE THE FISTS...
RIKU

RIKUDO

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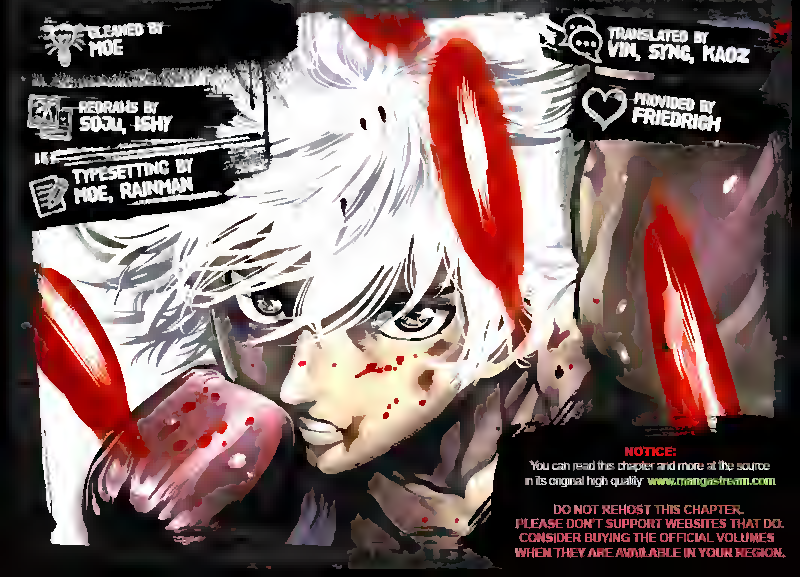

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SHOW ME YOUR EYES, AZAMI.
HYO DOOO !!!
HE HIT HIM ON THE TEMPLE?! THAT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT FROM THE SOUND!!
IS HYODO GONNA GET ANOTHER KO IN ROUND 1?!!
THE FIGHT'LL BE OVER IF THE DUDE IN THE BLUE CORNER GETS ANOTHER DOWN, RIGHT?!

AFTER RECEIVING MY LEFT TRIPLE HOOK FOLLOWED BY A RIGHT TO THE TEMPLE...
UP TILL NOW NO ONE'S EVER BEEN ABLE TO GET BACK UP
TAKE SOME DEEP BREATHS THROUGH YOUR NOSE!
TAKE A FIGHTING STANCE...
HE'S QUITE GOOD AT GETTING HIT ♡ RIKU.

FIGHT
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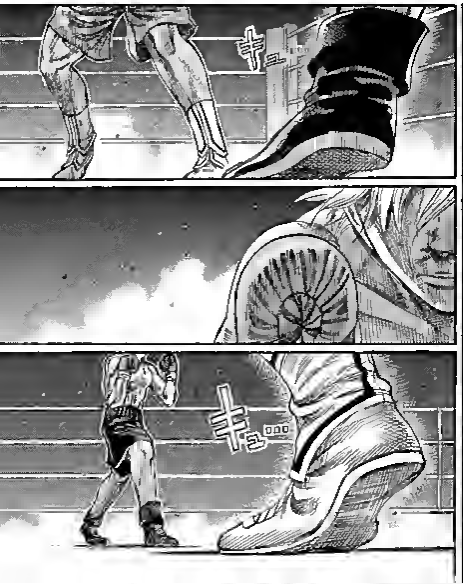
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THERE'S TOO MUCH TIME LEFT FOR ME TO RUN...
BUT NOW IT'S BECOME EASIER TO LURE HIM IN AND LAND A COUNTER...

HE JUMPED ?!

HE EVADED THAT PRETTY ACCURATELY.
GOOD INTUITION TOO.
SO THESE ARE RIKU'S INSTINCTS DURING A FIGHT...

IT FEELS
TOTALLY DIFFERENT. RAW...
HE WAS ABOUT TO BE OVERWHELMED BY HYODO, BUT NOW HE'S FIGHTING BACK.
HAS HIS BRAIN ALREADY RECOVERED?
AZAMI'S AWESOME
IT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS THAT HE HAS TRAINED HIS THREE SEMICIRCULAR CANALS.
HE MIGHT BE FROM A RUN-DOWN GYM BUT HE'S PROPERLY FORTIFIED THE POINTS THAT NEEDED IT...
TSK!
BUT,
IT'S ONLY JUST STARTING, KID.

NOT ONLY DOES HE GRASP HOW TO SHIFT HIS WEIGHT PROPERLY,
YOU COULD ALSO SAY HIS TRIPLE HOOK SHOWS OFF THE FLEXIBILITY HE WAS BORN WITH.
IF YOU OVERLOOK THIS BARRAGE OF PUNCHES BY HYODO,
YOU'LL ONCE AGAIN BE SMACKED INTO THE GROUND.

I CAN SEE IT COMING AT ME BIGGER AND BIGGER!
HIS FISTS ARE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT BEAST FROM ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE I'VE FOUGHT SO FAR...

I KNOW HE ASSUMED HE'D BE ABLE TO BRING ME DOWN!!
AND THAT HE COMPLETELY BELIEVES IN HIS FISTS.
HIS CONFIDENCE IS ABSOLUTE...
THAT'S WHERE HYODO'S STRENGTH, THE STRENGTH EVERYONE RECOGNIZES, COMES FROM.

THEY'RE THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF THE FISTS A LITTLE SHIT LIKE ME HAS.
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HYODO...
CLINCHED ?
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I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

HYODO !!
ギュウウウ
BREAK !!
RIKU
SFX WHISPER

YOU CAN HIT ME EVEN HARDER, Y'KNOW?
HIT ME WITH THE INTENT TO KILL.

DO YOU PLAN TO DIE FIGHTING ME, HYODO?

THAT'S THE GONG !!
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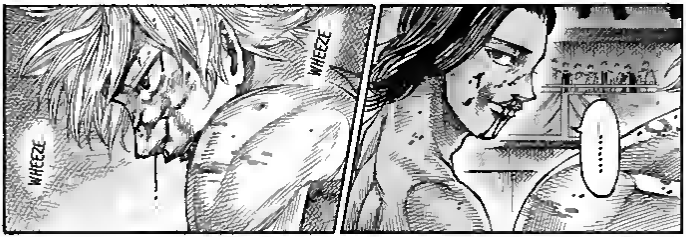
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THERE'S STILL SOME NECTAR FROM IRIKU'S FISTS THAT I HAVEN'T EATEN
I FEEL LIKE